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## **Governor Chris Christie's proclamation of May 15- June 15 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month**

*2012 is the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome  
has received this proclamation from the Governor's Office*

SOMERVILLE – The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) has announced that for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, it has obtained an official proclamation from the Governor's Office of New Jersey declaring May 15 to June 15 Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in the Garden State. The proclamation, as signed by Gov. Chris Christie, reads as follows:

“WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a hereditary neurological condition with onset in childhood that is defined by repetitive and involuntary body movements and/or vocal outbursts, also known as tics; and

“WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome can affect people of all ethnic groups, although men are affected 3 to 4 times more often than women; it is estimated that 200,000 people in the United States have TS; and

“WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Tourette Syndrome; therefore, treatment of the disorder focuses on managing patients' tics and creating a supportive environment for them so that they can lead healthy and productive lives; and

“WHEREAS, because of the stereotypes surrounding those living with this often misunderstood condition, there is a need to expand public knowledge of Tourette Syndrome through awareness and education efforts; and



“WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome organizations across New Jersey are committed to supporting the needs of families dealing with TS, advocating for individuals suffering from this condition and educating the public, medical professionals and educational communities about its prevalence and effects;

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim MAY 15 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2012, AS TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in New Jersey.”

The proclamation and a complete photo gallery featuring Senator Christopher “Kip” Bateman of New Jersey’s 16<sup>th</sup> legislative district presenting the proclamation to the Center are available on NJCTS’ Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/TourettesSyndrome>. More information about the Center is available by calling 908-575-7350 or by visiting [www.njcts.org](http://www.njcts.org).

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